

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 7, 2008

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are writing in support of recently submitted requests from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for \$13.9 million in Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) reserve funds and \$15.3 million in a National Emergency Grant (NEG).

Since February 2008, Michigan has experienced a 31 percent year-to-date increase in TAA participants enrolling in training. In 2007, Michigan had the second highest number of TAA certifications in the country, but our FY 2008 initial allocation was only the seventh largest compared to other states. This TAA reserve funding request is necessary to serve and support workers in our state who are actively choosing to enter training programs.

Additionally, Michigan is implementing a comprehensive job training initiative entitled *No Worker Left Behind* and is successfully preparing our unemployed and underemployed workers for new sustainable jobs in growth sectors. Michigan is seeking an automotive employment-based NEG to support more than 12,000 Michiganders that could be offered tuition assistance through this program.

We continue to work together to help serve all workers in our state who have been laid off because of trade related issues or other reasons. As we work to address the short-term and long-term needs of our workers, we respectfully request that you rapidly approve Michigan's request for TAA reserve and NEG funds.

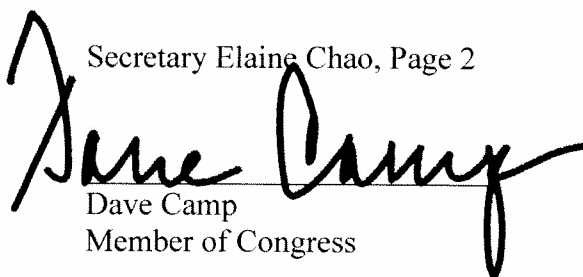
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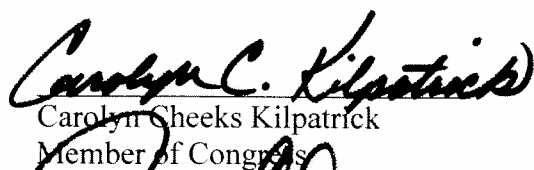


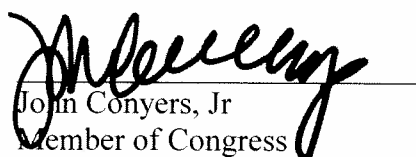
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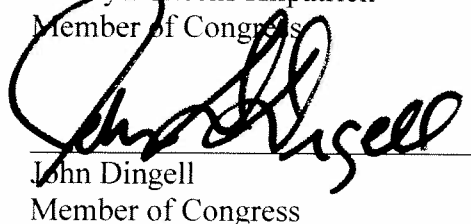



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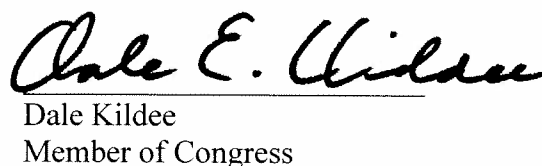

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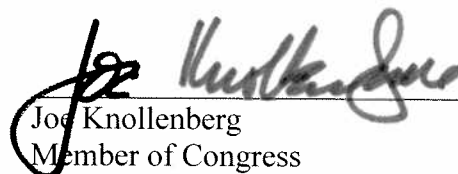

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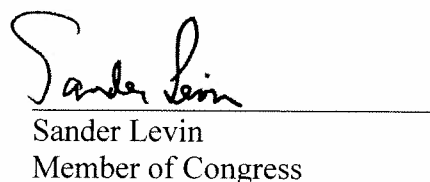

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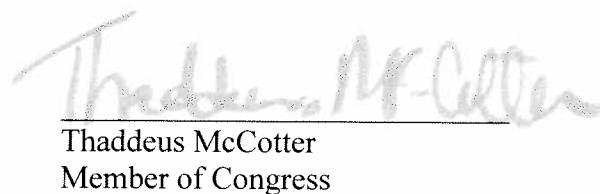

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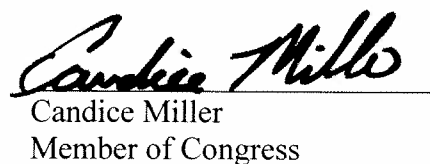

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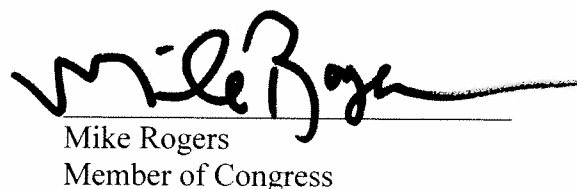

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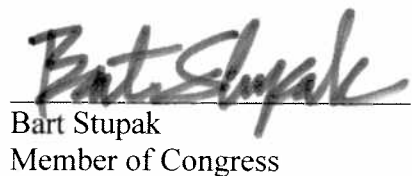

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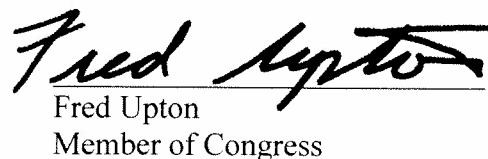

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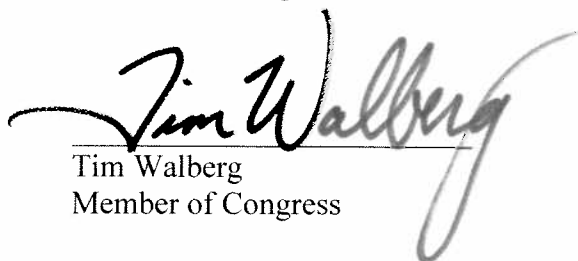

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